

**The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers  
Steering Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 11/20/2013 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

**Location:** Cobb Hill Construction, 206 N. State St., Concord

**Attendees**

Alan Saffron     Peter James     Robert Wyatt     Jon Siegel  
Jim Seroskie     Bob Couch     Claude Dupuis     Victor Betts

**Secretary's Report**

A motion to accept the September minutes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Bob Couch, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Peter James reported on the Guild's balances numbers as provided by Dave Frechette. The general fund is in good shape due to the steady income from renewals. Dave Frechette also furnished some budget spreadsheets. As he was not attending, questions were unable to be answered, so budget discussion was tabled until next month. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was supported by Alan Saffron, seconded by Robert Wyatt, and passed.

General Fund total	
Money market	\$22,615.08
PayPal Ck Acct	\$4,582.00
Checking	\$3,922.38
PayPal	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$31,119.46

Money Market Acct	
General Fund	\$22,615.08
Education	\$11,789.12
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$287.61</u>
Total	\$36,544.54

Total All Accts                    \$45,048.92

**Membership**

Peter James reported membership at 516 paid members with approximately 30 past due renewals. Lapsing memberships appear to be trending up, prompting the question why members are not staying. No thoughts were offered by any attending.

**Scholarships/Grants**

Merrimack High School, Merrimack, NH; grant request for \$2,516 for hand tools was approved.

Great Brook Middle School, Antrim, NH; grant request for maintenance assistance was tabled as more information is needed.

Woodbury Middle School, Salem NH; grant request for \$1000-\$1500 for tools, \$1500 was approved.

Acton Boxborough Regional High, Acton, MA, grant request for \$3,099 for an industrial woodworking machine for teaching manufacturing technology course was tabled so the Scholarship Committee can provide additional perspective.

John Keeling, scholarship request for woodworking coursework; \$400 was approved.

The SC moved to post approved grants and scholarships on the Guild's website giving members more access to grant and scholarship expenditures and utilization. Details will include the recipient, dollar amount, and the funds use.

Scholarship recipients will have the option of remaining anonymous.

Jon Siegel reported on his conversation with Peter Bloch, a founding member and key supporter of the Guild's scholarship and grant giving activities. After discussing recent SC decisions, he reported that Peter does support the SC's direction and policy.

### **Programs**

November General Meeting

Victor Betts reported that all arrangements are made.

To show the Guild's appreciation for the many meetings he hosts, the SC will present Scott Ruesswick with a WoodCraft gift card.

Spring Symposium

Discussion concluded there is sufficient time to put together a symposium for April. An appeal to members for a coordinator will be made at the general meeting. Topic selection can be left to a coordinator.

### **Boat Building Subgroup**

A meeting to discuss the subgroup's future direction will be coordinated with interested members through a subgroup email and a notice in TouchUps.

### **DVD/Video Library**

Given the age and decreasing reliability of the Guild's DVD duplicator, and distribution/return opportunities limited to general meetings, the Guild will transition to an online library. Bob Couch will utilize the Vimeo account and do a test.

### **Touchups/Journal/Website**

Jim Seroskie reporting.

The Journal will go to press on November 25th, approximately two weeks later than anticipated.

Jim reported that Commonplaces' annual \$500 fee will be due in December.

Jim also reviewed some website statistics explaining his limiting resources regarding responsive design (accommodating various device formats), and gave the status of his CiviCrm website work.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

A thank you note from "Girls at Work" was circulated around the table.

Bob Couch will review submissions to the LNHC exposition as has been done previously by requiring emailed photos.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.